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Hearing: "Mismanagement of the Border Surveillance System and Lessons for the New Secure Border Initiative"

WHO: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight

Mike Rogers (R-AL), Chairman

WHEN: 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 16, 2005

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESS

The Honorable Richard L. Skinner

Inspector General Department of Homeland Security

Accompanied by:

Mr. Carl Mann

Chief Inspector

Office of Inspections and Special Reviews
Office of Inspector General
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BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight will continue an examination of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) management of the Integrated Surveillance Intelligence System (ISIS), focusing on the Remote Video Surveillance program, in place along our nation's borders. These programs involve the installation of cameras and sensors that monitor targeted expanses of the border. The Subcommittee will specifically review the DHS Inspector General's findings in a report to be issued Friday.

The Inspector General report evaluates the U.S. Custom and Border Patrol's (CBP) management of the ISIS program and the effectiveness of border surveillance, remote assessment, and monitoring technology in assisting CBP to detect illegal entry into the United States.